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Minutes 11/05/2012

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, November 5, 2012
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dunn, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro
 Absent: Mr. Greeley, Chair
 Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

1. Proclamation: November is 'Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month'
 Marlene Rockmore

After Mr. Curro read the Proclamation - November is "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" he introduced Marlene Rockmore, whose husband, Joel, passed away recently from Pancreatic Cancer. Mrs. Rockmore in turn introduced Judy Pearson, a thirteen-month pancreatic cancer survivor, who told her story about being diagnosed with the disease. Judy thanked the Selectmen for presenting the Proclamation and handed out purple ribbons similar to the pink ribbons distributed during Breast Cancer Awareness in the month of October. Ms. Pearson stated she hopes the survival rate for pancreatic cancer patients doubles by the year 2020.

2. Proclamation: Arlington Recycles Week 2012
 Gordon Jamieson

Mr. Jamieson thanked the Board for the Proclamation and stated that Saturday, November 17th is Community Collection Day at the Arlington Department of Public Works Yard, 51 Grove Street. The semi-annual drop-off event is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Residents may drop off a variety of home items to be recycled including CRT's (\$10.00 per unit), bikes, books, confidential papers (first two boxes shredded for free), small electric items such as hair dryers and toasters (no large appliances, microwave disposal free this day only), clothing, old sneakers, etc. The Board voted to proclaim the period of November 11th through November 17th be declared Arlington Recycles Week in the Town of Arlington. Mr. Byrne moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

FOR APPROVAL

3. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: October 15, 2012
 - b. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 11/11/12 @ Robbins Memorial Town Hall Auditorium, Rembetika Enclave Concert
 Fr. Nicholas M. Kastanas, St. Athanasius the Great
 - c. Request: Permit for Veterans' Day Parade, November 11th
 William McCarthy, Director of Veterans' Services
 - d. Appointment: New Election Worker
 Esther Freni, 39 Everett Street, D, Pct. 1
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

4. a) Waveguide Inc./186 Communications Petition/Mass. Ave. @ Allen St.
 Chuck O'Connor, Engineer
 Waveguide Inc.
 (all abutters notified)

Waveguide petitioned the Board of Selectmen to place and maintain approximately + 77 feet of 4" schedule-40 conduit starting at Verizon MH 30/175 Mass. Avenue and ending at Utility pole 847/43 Mass. Avenue.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

- b) Waveguide Inc./186 Communications Petition/Mass. Ave. @ Highland Ave.
 Chuck O'Connor, Engineer
 Waveguide Inc.
 (all abutters notified)

Waveguide petitioned the Board of Selectmen to place and maintain approximately + 10 feet of 4" schedule-40 conduit starting at Verizon MH 30/264 Mass. Ave. and ending at utility pole 847/94 Mass. Avenue.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS

5. Appointment: Arlington Cultural Council
 Joseph L. Burns
 Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

6. Request: Common Victualler License, Wings Over Arlington (formerly The Wing Place)
 Robert Savin, 218 Massachusetts Avenue
 Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to all conditions as set forth.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Discussion: Hackney/Taxi Renewal Deadline
 Daniel J. Dunn

The Selectmen unanimously voted that all Hackney Carriage/Taxi Business Operator's Permit renewals must be completed, including inspections, by the close of business on November 26, 2012. Failure to respond will mean that they will no longer be licensed for business in Arlington.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

8. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established. It should be noted that there is a three minute time limit to present a concern or request.

No matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

9. Presentation: Lane Markings on Mass. Ave. Between Lockeland Ave. and Brattle St.
 Michael Rademacher, Director, Department of Public Works

Mr. Rademacher presented to the Board the rationale behind the new road markings and explained they are the Department's answer to citizen input. Also, plans will be made for future bicycle lanes.

Mr. Dunn thanked Mr. Rademacher for the steps he took and stated that he made a much better project because of the feedback they received. Mr. Dunn stated he was very, very happy with this new plan.

Mr. Curro also thanked Mr. Rademacher for the revisions.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Rademacher if he would look at the crosswalk between the High School and CVS, particularly near the bump-out. She is concerned with the students crossing at that location. Mr. Curro moved approval of the revised striping of Mass. Avenue between Lockeland Avenue and Brattle Street.
SO VOTED (4-0)

10. Update: Consolidated Financial Stakeholder Group

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine informed the Board on the progress of the Coordinated Finance Stakehold Group (CFSG).

The group has been meeting since June, 2012 with the objective of making recommendations in regard to a coordinated finance department. The outcome of these meetings will be a recommendation document that will be provided to the Board and other boards and committees which play a role in the Town's financial operation. In December, the Committee will be releasing the recommendation document well in advance of the meeting in order to give the public ample time to review the document and consider potential feedback. Mr. Byrne, a member of the Committee, stated he believes the residents will support these recommendations and recognize the need for financial functions to be re-structured. Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Chapdelaine if the school financial function will be included with the Committee's recommendations and he stated that the school financial functions will likely be integrated later. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that there has been a great deal of discussions of how the School and Town work together.

Mr. Dunn stated he looks forward to reading said report.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

11. Update: Hurricane Sandy Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine thanked all Town officials, Public Works Dept. employees, Tree Dept., Fire and Police Depts who all worked as a team during Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Chapdelaine said it was an incredible team across the board with people coming together to make sacrifices of their time and support the Town's efforts to respond to the storm.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that MEMA is in the process of determining whether Middlesex County will be eligible to receive federal disaster assistance as a result of Hurricane Sandy. MEMA is requesting that the Town submit an initial damage assessment report on private homes by Thursday November 8th. Town Officials are asking all residents who had property damage during this storm to please register this information with Emergency Management Officials. These reports will contribute to the initial assessment of damage in Arlington.

Mr. Curro commended the Emergency Management Team and all Town Departments for their Response and the flow of communication to the public.

12. Discussion: Future BOS Meetings

The following is the Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule from January - April, 2013:

January 7th
January 28th

February 11th
February 25th

March 11th
March 18th

April 8th
April 22nd

Correspondence Received

Tish Miller
82 Summer Street

Traffic Pattern on Russell Place

Be Rec'd

The Board voted to send Ms. Miller's request to TAC for review and recommendations.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

New Business

Mrs. Krepelka invited the Board to join other Town Officials, Arlington Educators and students at an Open House for ACMI's newest media production facility on Wednesday and Thursday of this week from 1 - 6 p.m.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that on Thursday, November 8th, at 11 a.m., weather permitting, there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Hurd Field. The public is invited to a brief ceremony to celebrate the Porous Pavement Project.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Chapdelaine if he would contact JRM regarding the yard waste that has not been picked up on Cottage Avenue. They collected the trash and recycling. Laura Kelly called several times last week and never received a call from the Dept. of Public Works or JRM.

Mr. Dunn stated that during the storm he e-mailed the Public Works Dept. regarding a downed tree and was very impressed with the response time.

Mr. Dunn reminded residents that the annual Veterans Day Parade will be held on Sunday, November 11th. The parade begins at the Walgreens parking lot on Mass. Avenue in East Arlington at 10:30 a.m. and proceeds along Mass. Ave. to Monument Square in Arlington Center by the fire station.

Mr. Dunn stated we have lost 400 trees in Arlington between the microburst and Hurricane Sandy and would like to have a discussion at a later time as to how we replace these trees. Mrs. Mahon stated that Representative Garballey was contacting Trees City USA regarding re- placement of trees damaged by the microburst and Hurricane Sandy and she will keep us informed as to the progress.

Mr. Dunn reminded citizens that they have until Friday, November 9th, to submit an application to serve on the Arlington Housing Authority to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Walsh. Said individual will be appointed until the April Election 2013 at which time that individual would have to run for a five year term.

Mr. Dunn stated that the Arlington Town Awards Ceremony has been postponed until spring and will be incorporated as part of the 100th Anniversary of Town Hall. The Awards Committee received many worthy award candidates and these applications will be held until Spring.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

11/05/12

Documents Used

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1 10/15/12 Draft Minutes

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Executive Session

Next scheduled meeting of BoS November 26, 2012.